Constitution of Sixth Pay Commission

†4252. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Majdoor Sangh has demanded an early constitution of the Sixth Pay Commission for the Central Government employees in rally in Delhi on 4th April, 2005;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when the announcement of the constitution of the Sixth Pay Commission for the Central Government employees is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government has not considered it appropriate to constitute a Pay Commission at this juncture due to the enormous financial implications involved.

Credit-deposit ratio of banks

†4253. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the internal credit-deposit ratio of banks in various States, percentage-wise;

(b) whether credit-deposit ratio in some of the States is even lesser than our National average;

(c) if so, the names of such States;

(d) whether Government are considering to issue time bound direction for taking specific steps in order to enhance credit ratio due to the various banks working in these States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the data showing State-wise percentage of credit-deposit ratio of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as on December, 2004 is given in the statement (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) 29 States/Union Territories which have low CD Ratio than the National average of 64.1% as on December, 2004, as reported by RBI, are namely, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Uttaranchal, Nagaland, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Tripura, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Pondicherry, Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Manipur, West Bengal, Mizoram, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Orissa.

(d) and (e) The RBI has reported it has since advised all banks that the banking system should help towards removing the regional imbalances in economic development by arranging their lending portfolio so that more credit would be deployed in the backward States and District of the country and the banks may achieve a credit deposit ratio of 60% in respect of their rural and semi-urban branches, separately, on all India basis. It has also further advised them that they may ensure that wide desparity in the ratio between different States/regions is avoided in order to minimize regional imbalances in credit deployment. The RBI has further also advised convener banks of State Level Bankers Committees (SLBCs) to take up the issue of CD ratio in SLBC meetings for identifying the measures for enhancing the CD Ratio. Hence the issue of credit deposit ratio has now become as one of the regular agenda item for discussion in the SLBC meeting. In view of low CD ratio in several States, *i.e.* Rajasthan. U.P., West Bengal and N.E. Regions, etc. special task forces were set up to look into the problems of low CD ratio in these States.

Statement

State-wise Credit-Deposit Ratios (in ascending order of C-D ratio, Dec., 2004)

(per cent)

Sl.No.	States/Union Territory	December, 2004
1.	Daman & Diu	9.6
2.	Lakshadweep	9.7
3.	Uttaranchal	22.0
4.	Nagaland	22.9
5.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	23.8
6.	Goa	24.2
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	24.8
8.	Sikkim	26.6
9.	Andaman & Nicobar	27.7
10.	Bihar	28.1

Sl.No.	States/Union Territory	December, 2004
11.	Tripura	29.9
12.	Jharkhand	30.7
13.	Himachal Pradesh	34.8
14.	Assam	35.3
15.	Uttar Pradesh	36.6
16.	Pondicherry	37.0
17.	Jammu & Kashmir	39.1
18.	Chhattisgarh	42.5
19.	Meghalaya	42.5
20.	Gujarat	44.4
21.	Punjab	46.9
22.	Haryana	51.4
23.	Manipur	51.4
24.	West Bengal	52.3
25.	Mizoram	54.5
26.	Kerala	54.9
27.	Madhya Pradesh	55.0
28.	Delhi	57.5
29.	Orissa	59.7
30.	Rajasthan	67.3
31.	Karnataka	71.5
32.	Andhra Pradesh	74.8
33.	Maharashtra	94.0
34.	Tamil Nadu	95.5
35.	Chandigarh	96.6
	ALL INDIA	64.1

Meeting of Empowered Committee of State Ministers on VAT

4254. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Empowered Committee of State Ministers on Value Added Tax held its meeting in Delhi in the middle of April, 2005;

(b) if so, the deliberations made in the said meeting;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said committee was of the view that VAT rates are not uniform among the States; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?